

City of Sandy Springs Board of Ethics Meeting was held at Sandy Springs City Hall, 7840 Roswell Road, Building 500, Sandy Springs, Georgia, 30350, on January 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Chairman Ted Sandler called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Roll call

Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner called the roll.

Board Members Present: Ted Sandler, Kevin King, Stuart Steinmark, Dick Isenberg, and alternates Cindy Johnson and Lorrie Mell. David Price was absent.

Staff and Representatives Present: Staff Attorney Kathy Williams and Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner were present.

Ruling on Quorum

Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner stated a quorum was in place for the meeting.

Approval of Board minutes from October 12, 2011 Regular Meeting and December 1, 2011 Special Called meeting

Motion and Second: Stuart Steinmark moved to approve the October 12, 2011, regular meeting minutes and the December 1, 2011 special called meeting minutes. Kevin King seconded the motion.

Chairman Ted Sandler asked Assistant City Clerk Bogner to read the section of the minutes that was revised.

Assistant City Clerk Kelly Bogner stated the section reads, "David Price stated the complaint alleges a conflict of interest by Councilmember Fries. There may be the appearance of a conflict of interest, because of Councilmember Fries background and career in the real estate business, but it does not appear to rise to the level of a clear conflict of interest."

Vote on the Motion: The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Chairman Ted Sandler stated his term as Chair of the Board has expired. He asked for a nomination for the next Chair and Vice Chair of the Board.

Stuart Steinmark asked if there is anyone absent today that is a regular voting Boardmember.

Chairman Sandler stated David Price, who is absent, is a regular voting member.

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Motion and Vote: Chairman Sandler nominated Kevin King as the Chair of the Board of Ethics for 2012. Stuart Steinmark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sandler asked Stuart Steinmark if he would be willing to serve as the Vice Chair.

Stuart Steinmark stated, unlike Chairman Sandler and Kevin King, he is not a practicing attorney. However, in the absence of any other volunteers for Vice Chair, he is fine with serving as the Vice Chair.

Motion and Vote: Chairman Sandler moved to nominate Stuart Steinmark as the Vice Chair of the Board of Ethics for 2012. Kevin King seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sandler thanked Dick Isenberg for his service on the Board for the last five years. The nomination of the new Chair and Vice Chair probably should have been done in October 2011.

Lorrie Mell stated the Forsyth County Board of Ethics was in the news recently, because they did not follow the county code. She asked about the Sandy Springs board of Ethics By-laws.

Chairman Sandler stated the Board has been following procedure by ensuring a quorum is in place and that motions are made before voting occurs. The article in the newspaper is regarding an ethics complaint over dates and times of meetings held by the Board of Ethics in Forsyth County. He asked Assistant City Clerk Bogner to make copies of the article for the Boardmembers.

Stuart Steinmark stated the agenda shows three more meeting dates for 2012. He asked if those dates need to be adopted by the Board.

Lorrie Mell stated the By-laws already specify that the meetings are to be held quarterly.

Chairman Sandler stated citizen Patty Berkovitz is in attendance today. He asked if she had any questions regarding the ethics complaint addressed at the last meeting.

Patty Berkovitz, Sandy Springs citizen, asked if the Board will reconcile the conflict between the City Charter and the Board of Ethics By-laws.

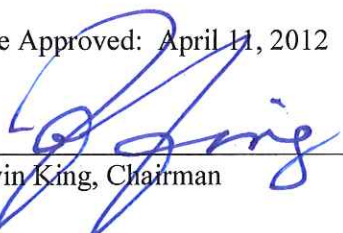
Chairman Sandler stated the Chair prepares an annual update letter for the City Council of items that occurred the prior year. In this update letter he will address how the Charter impacts the Ethics By-laws.

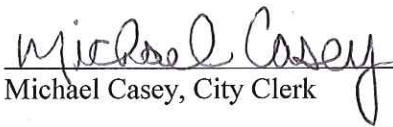
Ms. Berkovitz asked for all parties submitting an ethics complaint to be notified about any meetings regarding the complaint. She did not receive notification of when the last meeting was to be held.

Adjournment

Motion and Vote: Chairman Sandler moved to adjourn the meeting. Stuart Steinmark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

Date Approved: April 11, 2012


Kevin King, Chairman


Michael Casey, City Clerk